

# BARON SPITBALLER GETS A HIT IN SECOND GAME

## SLAPNICKA IS ONE-HIT HERO

Baron Spitballer Allows But Single Blow Against Chicks and Blanks Tribe, 4 to 0.

By BOB PIGUE.  
SLAPNICKA, Baron spitballer, made a valiant effort to equal the feat of Paley Crews, another Birmingham pitcher, and hurl a no-hit game at Russell Wednesday afternoon, but the no-hit Cy could come to it was allowing but one scratch hit. The game was won by the score of 4 to 0, but the pitcher's battle between Canavan and Slapnicka until the eighth when he was allowed to score. McDonald forced Slapnicka to pitch a big lead off third, Slapnicka walked him the bags with one gone. McDonald forced Slapnicka to pitch a big lead off third, Slapnicka walked him the bags with one gone. McDonald forced Slapnicka to pitch a big lead off third, Slapnicka walked him the bags with one gone.

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Ellie lifted to Lewis, Bernsen following with a single to center which sent Stevenson over with what proved to be the winning run. Hairston popped to Griffin. In the ninth Slapnicka was hit by a sacrifice hit and Peters, trying to sacrifice him down the third base line. Cerny threw the ball to Griffin.

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## MEMPHIS

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Carroll, 1b.	4	0	0	12	0	1	0
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## The Spotlight "By Bob Pigue"

GOOD PITCHING performance have been exceedingly rare this season at Russell Wednesday, but those who were present at the opener between the Memphis and Birmingham clubs saw one of the greatest hurling feats of the year.

Cyril Slapnicka, a spitball pitcher, made the Chicks get down and pray in every round, and only by the narrowest of margins did he fail to hurl a no-hit game, which is the ambition of every pitcher. The one hit that is credited to Jack Lewis could have been charged as an error, because it was a play that could be scored either way. But even being charged with one hit, Slapnicka pitched a grand game of ball, the like of which is seldom seen in this or any other league.

The Chicks could not expect to win a ball game on one hit, and there's no alibi or excuse for the victory of the Barons. The man in the canonade was Slapnicka, and there was too much Slapnicka and a superabundance of stuff on the ball which made the pill almost impossible to hit.

WATKINS DUE BACK.  
Thomas Richard Watkins, Chick president, is expected to return from his tour of duty Wednesday, where he has been on a hunt for ball players. A report has reached Memphis that Tom has secured an infielder and an outfielder, but just who he is bringing with him will not be known until he gets to the city.

The Chicks are going to be bolstered until they can present a strong front. The Chick president has made a statement before he left for St. Louis.

Frank Kitchener, former New Orleans catcher, who was recently let out and who was allowed to escape when the Triple A's failed to make a catcher, has caught on with Beaumont, in the Texas league.

LIKES GIL MEYERS.  
Dear Sir—I wish to throw little praise on Gilbert Meyers, the Chick's new catcher. I have seen him work a couple of times and the way he has handled the ball in the field is what I like. I like him very well, and believe he will make a second trial. Yours truly, A. F. A.

Tris Speaker and Chick Gandil get suspended without pay for staging a one-round bout on the ball field, while Slapnicka and Griffin at first Sunday would make Ray Schaak go nutty. I like him very well, and believe he will make a second trial. Yours truly, A. F. A.

WEDNESDAY was truly a remarkable day. Not a drop of rain fell.

In the seventh inning of Wednesday's game, all the benches arose and tried to change the Chicks' luck, but the charm failed to work.

STILL CLASS IN S. L.  
Canton Molewetter, manager of the Birmingham Barons, says he sees but very little difference in class in the Southern league than in years gone by. "Of course," you see baseball plays and what is usually called league plays in games week by week, but they have always been with us, and even in the majors you'll see it. In my opinion the game is about as fast as it has been in other seasons, and I for one believe that taking them all in all the clubs are up about the usual when it comes to playing ability."

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